

Common Science Abbreviations

Common Shortcuts for Note-Taking—Abbreviations/Acronyms

for	4
to	2
between	b/w
with	w
without	w/o
within	w/i
point	pt
and	& or +
negative	-
positive	+
equal/same	=
not equal	≠
atomic weight	at. wt.
atomic number	at. no.

because	b/c
energy	e
difference/change	Δ
infinity	∞
approximately equal	\approx
therefore	\therefore
yields/produces	\rightarrow
increase/up	\uparrow
decrease/down	\downarrow
calorie	cal
question	Q or ?
important	!
greater than	>
less than	<

Additional Suggestions

- Make names and titles into acronyms after writing them the first time.

kinetic energy KE
no reaction NR

- Write the first few syllables of long words and complete the word when reviewing the notes.

electricity elect
equilibrium equil

- Write some words deleting vowels until notes are reviewed.

standard std

Think of some of your own shortcuts.

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